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ACIDS LACKING 3'-UNTRANSLATED  
REGIONS AND OPTIMIZING CELLULAR  
RNA-PROTEIN FUSION FORMATION

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**SUBMISSION OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

**UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

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Dear Sir:

This Reply and Amendment is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination. A Petition for a one-month extension of time and appropriate fees are filed concurrently herewith. Please enter the following amendments:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.